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and said top face and said bottom face, respectively, and intermediate faces formed in said transition [areas] regions; and

a receptacle for receiving said holder along a longitudinal insertion direction, said receptacle having inside contact areas contacting said intermediate faces without play.

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Claim 4 (amended). Coupling device, comprising:

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an optical fiber holder having a top face, a bottom face, narrow side faces between said top face and said bottom face, with transition regions formed between said narrow side faces, and said top face and said bottom face, respectively, and intermediate faces formed in said transition regions;

a receptacle for receiving said holder along a longitudinal insertion direction, said receptacle having inside contact areas contacting said intermediate faces without play, said contact areas defined by a longitudinal V-shaped recess; and

[The coupling device according to claim 3, which comprises]

two rails disposed in said receptacle, said rails each having two resiliently splayable limbs forming said V-shaped recess.

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Claim ~~5~~ (amended). Coupling device, comprising:

an optical fiber holder having a top face, a bottom face,
narrow side faces between said top face and said bottom face,
with transition regions formed between said narrow side faces,
and said top face and said bottom face, respectively, and
intermediate faces formed in said transition regions;

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a receptacle for receiving said holder along a longitudinal
insertion direction, said receptacle having inside contact
areas contacting said intermediate faces without play, said
contact areas defined by a longitudinal V-shaped recess; and

[The coupling device according to claim 3, which comprises]

a rail disposed in said receptacle, said rail having two
resiliently splayable limbs forming said V-shaped recess.

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Claim ~~6~~ (amended). Coupling device, comprising:

an optical fiber holder having a top face, a bottom face,
narrow side faces between said top face and said bottom face,
with transition regions formed between said narrow side faces,

and said top face and said bottom face, respectively, and
intermediate faces formed in said transition regions; and

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a receptacle for receiving said holder along a longitudinal
insertion direction, said receptacle having inside contact
areas contacting said intermediate faces without play, said
contact areas defined by a longitudinal V-shaped recess formed
between two limbs;

[The coupling device according to claim 3, wherein said V-shaped recess is formed between two limbs, and] said contact surface [is] formed from an at least partially plastically deformed section of said limb.

[Please add the following claims:]

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~~8~~ 10. The coupling device according to claim ~~7~~, wherein said holder is a coupling unit of one of a multichannel transmitter module and receiver module.

~~9~~ 11. The coupling device according to claim ~~7~~, wherein said holder is a coupling unit of a multichannel transceiver module.

10/ 12. The coupling device according to claim ~~4~~⁷, wherein said receptacle forms a part of a coupling socket having an open side adapted to receive therein an optical fiber plug-in connector.

12/ 13. The coupling device according to claim ~~5~~¹¹, wherein said holder is a coupling unit of one of a multichannel transmitter module and receiver module.

13/ 14. The coupling device according to claim ~~5~~¹¹, wherein said holder is a coupling unit of a multichannel transceiver module.

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14/ 15. The coupling device according to claim ~~5~~¹¹, wherein said receptacle forms a part of a coupling socket having an open side adapted to receive therein an optical fiber plug-in connector.

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16. The coupling device according to claim ~~5~~¹⁵, wherein said holder is a coupling unit of one of a multichannel transmitter module and receiver module.

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17. The coupling device according to claim ~~5~~¹⁵, wherein said holder is a coupling unit of a multichannel transceiver module.